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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Computer Security Subcommittee

FROM:

CIA Computer Security Subcommittee Member (alternate)

SUBJECT: Computer Security at Contractor Sites

1. There are current trends in requests received from a number of contractors which have a definite impact on computer security policy and the relationships between NFIB members. The situation arises when a contractor is processing data for more than one Agency or when more than one compartment is involved. The requests cover a number of different aspects of the same problem, but normally the issues of the expense of dedicated processing and/or under-utilization of computer systems because of secure constraints are the underlying themes. Our Agency currently has in hand over a half dozen proposed operations modifications which cover the gamut of variations on these themes. Many of these are major systems with most serving two or more NFIB Agencies.

2. It is requested that the Computer Security Subcommittee take on this issue as an agenda item which would include, among others, the following considerations:

a. A review of the mode descriptions in DCID 1/16 and other regulations with a view to change or at least clarification or amplification.

b. A mechanism for coordinating solutions in instances where more than one Agency's data is being processed by the system.

c. The ground rules establishing Government security cognizance in such joint facilities.

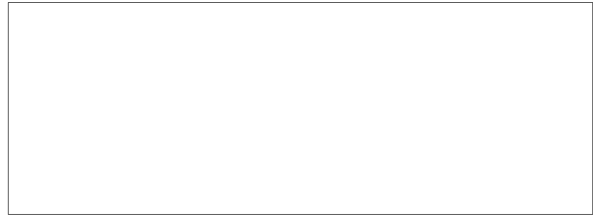
d. The use of outside consultants in proposing solutions or verifying the goodness of same.

These considerations

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3. It is understood that SECOM may well become involved in some of the above considerations, but it seems appropriate that the Computer Security Subcommittee be the place where the preliminary discussions take place.

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